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East Washington St., between Barr and Lafayette

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SABBATH SERVICES

Sabbath School.....	9:30 A. M.
Church Services.....	10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E.....	6:45 P. M.
Junior Y. P. S. C. E.....	2:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday	7:30 P. M.

COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

The pastor has for some time felt that it would be a good thing to inaugurate a series of cottage prayer meetings and continue them for several months, perhaps until the Easter services. So far we have had but one a week. Later on we hope to have two or three a week. This is a very effectual way of carrying the church into the homes and we believe of awakening and quickening the whole membership, and of reaching many outside people and possibly of winning many souls for Christ that otherwise would not be reached. The few meetings we have had were greatly blessed, and we are sure proved a benediction to the homes where they were held, as well as to those who were in attendance. This may be God's way of sending our much needed, long-prayed-for revival upon our church. Let us pray earnestly that the Lord may great-

ly bless these meetings in the homes and send upon the church a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The families that wish meetings in their homes should notify the pastor so that he can make the announcements in good time.

The midwinter communion service was held Sabbath morning, January 19. It was a very pleasant day and the attendance at the service was very good. Mrs. E. C. Close was received into the church by letter from the Salem Reformed church and Mrs. Leah Bachman by the right hand of fellowship. The following children were baptized: Elmer Edward, George Sylvester, Mabel Jessie and Helen Marie, the children of Mrs. James Weickart. The total offerings for the day were \$70.14. Of this amount \$28.85 was for benevolence. The next offering for apportionment will be received at our Easter communion.

For the past several months almost all of our homes have been regular hospitals. In some instances whole families were housed up with the grip. The papers reported that there were eight thousand cases of grip in the city. This was an exaggeration, but it was bad enough. We hope that the epidemic will subside soon.

WOMAN'S AID SOCIETY

The following ladies constitute the executive committee of the Woman's Aid Society for 1908: Mrs. John Bottger, Mrs. Henry Kessler, Mrs. George Hesser, Mrs. C. F. Close, Mrs. Alfred Barbier. The committee had a meeting on Wednesday afternoon, January 15, and planned work for the society for the year. The sections to serve suppers are as follows:

Section 1.—Managers, Mrs. S. Wertman, Mrs. W. G. Page, Mrs. Henry Kessler; assistants, Mesdames C. F. Close, D. Null, Alfred Barbier, John Ruck, R. Druckenbrod, George Smith, James Evard, William Moore, F. W. King, Charles Kent, E. C. Close, Perry Archer, A. Guilaum, S. Schrack, Viola Kanning, John Riley, George Saffen, W. Habecker, F. Seegar, P. Heyman, Harry Metzner, Carl Kessler, George Gemmer, and Misses Frances Geminer, Ethel King, Lillie Moore, Grace Wertman, Anna Doermer, Williamine Saffen, Daisy Kelley, Bertha and Martha Carroll.

Section No. 2.—Managers, Mrs. H. P. Dinger, Mrs. Frank Leikauf, Miss Maggie Haverley; assistants, Mesdames Sarah J. Knight, A. M. Henderson, R. Gavin, D. H. Wilbert, M. Boger, Chas. Parker, Chas. Rogers, James Weikart, Grace Arney, J. Hetrick, Ed Chausse, P. Richards, Kate Certia, Carrie Eckert, William Smith, Ed Siebold, Dayton Baltzell, Mary Schaich, Fred Schearer, J. Weaver, E. Endinger, R. F. Dinger, David Schlatter, and Misses Ida Kirkham, Lillie Kirkham, Gertrude Thompson, Beatrice Benninghof, Elsie and Minnie Weikart, Dr. Bertha and Rose Goba, Ella Kly.

Section No. 3.—Managers, Mrs. David Walters, Mrs. William Siebold, Mrs. D. Mullen; assistants, Mesdames H. J. Straub, C. Hosler, Lena Fritz, Sarah Fosler, Margaret Weaver, Jennie Floring, Alma Niedhammer, Jesse Benton, George Siebold, H. Krohn Miller, John

Smith, James Smith, Sadie Boals, L. Wilken, Anna Gebert, Henrietta Frisch, Ed Bevelheimer, Freda Schaaf, John Schlandorf, Freda Kaeck, A. Kutsch, Susan Deahl, Sadie Lathan, Rachel Wells, Aima Chausse, B. T. Mains, A. M. Mains, and Misses Sybil and Gretchen Neidhammer, Anna Yeager, Bertha Weickart, Elnora and Irma Smith, Ethel Nerhood.

Section No. 4.—Managers, Mrs. Geo. Hesser, Mrs. Emma Bitner, Miss Libbie Felker; assistants, Mesdames S. Dukeman, J. Rudisil, V. Monn, Frank Bercot, Luke Darnell, E. H. Masterson, C. Waldo, Ed Warner, D. Long, John Sessler, D. F. Knott, Louisa Hilgeman, Ernest Payne, John Bieghler, J. C. Weiler, Ray Bitner, Wm. Bierbaum, F. Coopman, Marie Cummins, H. Bryant, Wm. Martin, Ed Hesser, and Misses Lizzie Rudisil, Edith Hobson, Lulu and Bertha Bitner, Zelma Kutsch, Lottie Weiler, Anna Coopman.

Section No. 5.—Managers, Mrs. C. H. Gumper, Mrs. John Schneider, Mrs. John Bottger; assistants, Mesdames A. K. Zartman, W. F. Close, Ed Riley, A. C. Katt, Louisa Klinkenberg, Louis Bercot, Celia Horstman, Willis Pearse, C. C. Gumper, Josephine Grupe, Louise Graybill, Wm. Martin, Frank More, A. R. Hills, Chas. Robinson, W. Hilbish, H. E. Vordermark, Mary Gooley, and Misses Mollie Schneider, Nellie French, Emma Bercot, Carrie Quickly, Anna Scheffler, Carrie Cour, Estella Bottger, Bessie Pearse, Hazel Gooley, Frank Hilgeman, Dr. Koblenz.

The Woman's Aid Society had its monthly meeting in the lecture rooms of the church Wednesday afternoon, January 8. They had their annual reports and election of officers. Mrs. Zartman was elected president, Mrs. C. H. Gumper vice president, Miss Anna Doermer secretary, Mrs. H. J. Straub treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORTS

We give below abstracts of the various reports read at the annual congregational meeting on New Year's morning.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Receipts for the year 1907, by weekly pledges, \$1,061.75; miscellaneous, \$400.75; total, \$1,462.50; members paying during the year, 238. Number of members having subscriptions, 107. Balance due on subscriptions for 1907, \$216.56, to W. A. Hobson, financial secretary.

CHURCH TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts by weekly payments on pledges, \$1,061.75. Miscellaneous, \$119.12. Extra collections, \$1,076.89. Total, \$2,257.76.

Expenditures—Pastor's salary, \$1,067.57. Chorister, \$62.06. Janitor, \$37. Fuel and light, \$184.96. Miscellaneous, \$906.17. Total, \$2,257.76. Indebtedness on loan, \$4,110. W. F. Close, secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand Jan. 1st, 1907, \$13.93. Receipts during the year by suppers, \$201.70. Expenditures, \$174.87. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1908, \$49.76. H. E. Metzner, treasurer.

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AID SOCIETY

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1907, \$404.07. Receipts during the year by suppers, monthly dues, penny boxes and for janitor, \$477. Total, \$881.96.

Expenditures, \$699.55. Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1908, \$182.41. Mrs. Bottger, treasurer.

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1907, \$14.00. Receipts during the year, \$12.41. Total receipts, \$26.41. Expenditures, \$24.25. Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1908, \$2.16. Louis Wilkening, treas.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1907, \$13.12. Receipts for the year from dues, etc.,

\$38.25. Expenditures, \$34.57. Balance on hand January 1, 1908, \$16.80.

Receipts for Grace Church Visitor, \$152.50.

Expenditures for printing, improvements and repairs in parsonage, \$130.97. Net receipts, \$22.53.

The sacred cantatta, "The Incarnation," by Geibel, given by the chorus choir Thursday evening, Jan. 26, was one of the best entertainments ever given in Grace church. Too much cannot be said in praise of the rendition of this service. The Incarnation is one of Geibel's best compositions, and the manner with which the chorus rendered the cantatta pleased and delighted everyone present. Considering the weather, the attendance was very good. At the request of a large number of those who were present, the cantatta was repeated at the Sunday evening service, January 5, when our large auditorium was filled with an appreciative audience. Mrs. Zartman and the chorus had taken great pains to prepare for this entertainment. They spent several months in patient and persistent effort, and this accounted for the pleasing manner in which the cantatta was rendered. Never were our people more pleased and delighted with the work of the choir than in this effort. We are sure that the congregation would be glad to have such entertainments quite often, and would cheerfully pay the admittance. The pastor wants to thank the choir and all the young people who gave their assistance in this entertainment for their faithful and efficient service. Personally we enjoyed the cantatta very much.

The Young Men's committee will have its monthly meeting Monday evening, January 27, at the home of Irving Bitner, 519 East Lewis street. The election of officers will be held at this meeting. We hope all the young men will be at this meeting.

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REV. A. ZARTMAN, Editor and Publisher

At the coming pentecost season Grace church will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary. This year should in many ways mean a great deal to our church. It should be a year of thanksgiving and a year of new and greater things for the church. We should make strenuous efforts along many lines of activity, especially to build up the church spiritually and numerically. There are great opportunities before the church just now, and the harvest of souls will be commensurate with the activity and work we will do. In a recent sermon the pastor said that Grace church had for a long time been just playing with its opportunities. The time has come when we must be done with this way of serving the Lord and get to work with a dead earnest.

For some years not much effort has been made toward the liquidation of the bonded debt of the church. Quite a number of the members now feel that we should make a special effort to raise money to pay on our debt, which has now been reduced to a little less than \$4,000. The pastor's plan for several years has been that when Grace church would celebrate its silver anniversary we should make one heroic effort to provide for the liquidation of the whole debt. This plan has been suggested to a few of the members and they are heartily in favor of it. We are sure that this can be done if the whole membership will unite in the effort. We would suggest first of all that each one talk to the Lord about this matter. Let us find out what the Lord has to say about it and what part each one is to have in carrying out the project. If we counsel the Lord and are led by Him we are not only always sure of being in the right and safe way, but we are also sure of success.

Anna Dormer is at Hope hospital for treatment and is under the care of Dr. Drayer. We hope she may soon be much better, and be able to be out and about again.

W. F. Close, who was for a number of years bookkeeper at John's wholesale harness store, has taken a position at Freiburger's wholesale leather house on East Columbia street.

Mr. and Miss Vance, from Millersburg, Ind., were the guests of their sister, Mrs. W. Hilbish, over Sunday, January 19.

Mrs. Leikauf entertained the Woman's Missionary Society Thursday afternoon, January 16th.

The women of section No. 1 will give the first supper in the new year Thursday evening, February 7th.

The Woman's Aid Society will meet Thursday afternoon, February 7th, in the lecture rooms of the church. Supper will be served from 5 to 7 p. m.

Jan. 9 a little daughter came to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hilbish.

The newly elected officers of the church are L. W. Hills, Henry Kessler, Frank E. More, elders; W. A. Hobson, Geo. Gemmer, deacons; W. F. Close, treasurer; W. A. Hobson, financial secretary. As soon as possible the consistory will be organized and the regular committees will be appointed.

Sabbath Evening Services

A Series

- Jan. 26. Life, or Death.
- Feb. 2. Idol Worship, Illustrated Sermon.
- Feb. 9. Harvest Time, a sermon for young people.
- Feb. 16. The Terrors of Death.
- Feb. 23. The Tragedy of a Soul.
- Mar. 1. God's Reckoning Day.

The sermons are for church members and the unsaved. Come and bring some of your friends.

Jacob F. Scherrer died at his country home, nine miles south of the city, Saturday night, January 11. He was born in Germany October 17, 1828, and was aged at his death 79 years, 2 months, 24 days. He was married to Mary E. Knarr in 1854. In 1858 they came to America and located upon the farm where he resided at the time of his death. When they came into possession of their farm it was all in heavy timber, but is now one of the choice farms in Allen county. Mr. Scherrer was an industrious and highly respected citizen. He was confirmed in his childhood and received into the Reformed church in Germany. When he and his wife came to Allen county they united with the St. John's Reformed church in Fort Wayne. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, four sons and four daughters.

The funeral services were held at the Prairie Grove church, four miles south of the city, Thursday forenoon, January 16. The large number of friends and neighbors who attended this service gave evidence of the esteem in which Mr. Scherrer was held by the people in his community.

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Y. P. S. C. E. TOPICS

Jan. 26—Denominational Home Missions. Isa. 58: 1-14. Rev. A. K. Zartman, D. D.

Feb. 2—The Heart of Endeavor. Col. 3: 1-4, 12-25; 4: 1-6. Stella Bottger.

Feb. 9—For Strangers and the Sick. Matt. 25: 31-46. Ray Close.

Feb. 16—For Prisoners and the Poor. Matt. 25: 31-36. Leaderless meeting.

Feb. 23—Denominational Foreign Missions. Rom. 10: 8-15. Missionary Committee.

The young people held their monthly meeting for January at the home of Miss Stella Bottger Tuesday evening, January 14. At this meeting they had their election of officers. W. A. Hobson was re-elected president of the society, Irving Bitner vice president, Stella Bottger secretary, Raymond Close treasurer, Bertha Bitner, pianist. The committees will be announced later. The young people had a splendid time at their meeting, and were served to an elaborate luncheon at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Studebaker, Rev. and Mrs. Diefenbach, Mr. Studebaker and Mr. Sauer were in the city Thursday evening, Dec. 26, and attended the entertainment at Grace church, when the choir gave The Incarnation.

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